
Subject: Re: [PATCH] net: Add etun driver
Posted by [Ben Greear](#) on Mon, 09 Apr 2007 18:48:07 GMT
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David Miller wrote:

> From: Ben Greear <greearb@candelatech.com>

> Date: Mon, 09 Apr 2007 11:14:52 -0700

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>> Patrick McHardy wrote:

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>>> It would be nice if someone would finally come up with a generic
>>> interface based on netlink (RTM_NEWLINK) instead of adding yet
>>> another couple of homegrown interfaces.

>> My preference is for ioctls, procfs, or similar that does not
>> require extra libraries. Ethtool is an ioctl based approach,
>> so that could potentially be used, though I'm not sure if
>> that's the right place to put it...

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> I totally disagree.

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> Netlink doesn't require libraries, the libraries just make using it
> easier. It's a simple protocol sent over a socket, if you include
> the right headers you can do it all yourself.

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> We shouldn't fail to use our proper core network configuration
> interface just because it's inconvenient for you.

Well, I find it inconvenient, so my preference is for other
methods...that shouldn't be too supprising. I'm a lazy programmer
after all! :)

If it does get added, and something like 'ip' gains ability to
use it, then I can just `system("ip whatever")`, so maybe that's the
out for lazy programmers...

Thanks,
Ben

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